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We are ok with both Mark and Deanna's suggestions. If you like, we can concur more formally if the lead agencies submit a revision.

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Although the following sentence (also from the 10-26-10 letter) is not related to achieving the project purposes, it gives some context to the mention of "average" deliveries - perhaps put into in a footnote.

Average annual south of Delta CVP and SWP deliveries over the past 30 years have been well below full contract amounts.

-Deanna

On Mon, Feb 13, 2012 at 4:27 PM, Nawi, David <David_Nawi@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Mark Cowin would like to add the highlighted language to the purpose statement in the current version of the DEIS/EIR, set out below. The language is a direct quote from the October 26, 2010 letter from the three federal lead agency RDs to EPA (letter attached for your reference, as well as Chapter 2 of draft BDCP, see p. 5 for relevant language). As I understand it, the intent in proposing the inclusion of the added language is to make clear that the language is focused on average amounts.

Please provide a reaction to the proposed additional language, and include anyone else who should review this.

The above Purpose Statement reflects the intent to advance the coequal goals set forth in the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The above phrase—restore and protect the ability of the SWP and CVP to deliver up to full contract amounts— is related to the upper limit of legal CVP and SWP contractual water amounts and delineates an upper bound for development of EIR/EIS alternatives, not a target. It is not intended to imply that increased quantities of water will be delivered under the BDCP. As indicated by the "up to full contract amounts" phrase, alternatives need not be capable of delivering full contract amounts on average in order to meet the project purposes. Alternatives that depict design capacities or operational parameters that would result in deliveries of less than full contract amounts are consistent with this purpose.